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Proceedings Against Two On Der Spiegel Dropped

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Jan. 27 (Reuters) — West German authorities have dropped proceedings against two executives of the news magazine Der Spiegel on suspicion of treason, it was announced today.

The Prosecutor General, Ludwig Martin, said that there was no longer suspicion of treason against Der Spiegel's editor, Johannes K. Engel, or Hans Detlef Becker, head of the magazine's publishing house.

Rudolf Augstein, the publisher, and Conrad Ahlers, chief deputy editor, have been charged with treason for having published alleged military secrets. It was not yet known when they would go on trial.

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